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RURAL DISTRICT OF DROITWICH

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1957

Public Health Department,
Rural District Offices,
Droitwich.

October, 1958.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
HOUSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Statistical Report on the health of the Rural District for the year ended 31st December, 1957.

Examination of the Data available in Sections A & F does not show any startling changes, but one or two points are of interest. The standardized Birth and Death Rates are within normal limits, and the Infant Mortality Rate quite low as there were only two deaths under the age of one year. The usual outbreaks of Measles and Whooping Cough occurred during the winter months, but there were no deaths. It is hoped that the new combined Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Vaccine which is being used more extensively throughout the County will eventually eliminate Whooping Cough as Diphtheria has already been eliminated in past years.

There were ten cases of Poliomyelitis during the year and one death from this cause. Seven occurred in the parish of Claines and were admitted to Newtown Isolation Hospital during the summer months. All recovered satisfactorily. The remaining cases occurred in the parish of Bradley Green after a child had contracted the disease following Tonsillectomy. Fortunately supplies of Poliomyelitis Vaccine were made available for children under 15 years during 1957. Although only a few cases were immunised with British Vaccine that year, the majority of cases on the waiting list accepted Salk Vaccine as soon as it became available and the vaccination programme is now well under way. This vaccine has been such a success that the Ministry of Health have now extended the scheme to include adults under the age of 25 years, and it is anticipated that the number of notifications of the disease will be considerably less this year.

Asian Influenza was fairly prevalent during the Winter of 1957-1958, but cases were very mild and few complications were encountered. A specially prepared Vaccine was tried out on Doctors and Nurses with what appeared to be some success, and it is hoped that this

will be more readily available in future outbreaks. Nine new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year and the number of cases on the Register has increased slightly. One can only stress the importance of an early visit to the family doctor in all cases of doubt, as, with the introduction of modern methods of treatment, the disease is no longer to be feared.

Worcestershire County Council decided to close the Infant Welfare Centre held at Cutnall Green on 31st December, 1957 and replaced it by one held twice-monthly at Wychbold. This embraces Cutnall Green on the one side, and Stoke Works on the other, and so far attendances have improved considerably. Patients are transported by Ambulance Car from the outlying districts.

Despite certain difficulties at the beginning of the Year good progress was subsequently made with the Dodderhill Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme. By the end of the year the construction of the new Sewage Disposal Works was virtually complete and some difficult Main laying along the main trunk road had been dealt with. This Scheme was most essential and has fortunately been completed soon enough to allow additional Council and Private development to take place.

It is also encouraging to be able to report that the Council pursued a bold Housing Policy despite high interest rates and the rising cost of materials. This has largely been possible due to the introduction of a differential rent scheme. Some 60 new council houses were under construction during the year, 38 of which were in Ombersley. It has therefore been possible to proceed with the Slum Clearance programme in this parish and to a lesser extent elsewhere (see page 12). By the end of the year some 68 houses had been dealt with.

Some difficulty has been encountered in ensuring the demolition of property after the service of notices, and the only remedy seems to be for the Council to carry out the work in default. Quite a number of the properties dealt with are still occupied due to the lack of one or two-bedroomed houses and old peoples bungalows to offer the tenants. Blocks of flats with communal facilities have been considered and would be most suitable. With a steadily ageing population they will never be left empty.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the Surveyor and his Staff for their valuable assistance during the Year. I also wish to express my appreciation, Mr. Chairman of the kind consideration shown to me by all the members of your Committee.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

L. Spencer Stephens.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51,453
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1957) according to Rate Books	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4,206
Rateable Value (December 31st 1957)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£168,975
Sum presented by one penny rate 1957-8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	£732
Registrar General's estimate of resident population (mid 1957)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,580
Live Births							Males		Females			Total
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	89		77			166
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	6		5			11
Crude birth-rate per 1,000 estimated population	..	..	..	..	..	..						13.0
Standardised birth-rate per 1,000 estimated population	..	..	..	..	..	..						14.5
Birth-rate for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..						16.1
Still Births							Males		Females			Total
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	2		3			5
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	-		-			-
Still birth-rate per 1,000 - Total live and still births	..	..	..	..	..	..						27.4
Still birth-rate for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..						22.5
Deaths							Males		Females			Total
From all causes	..	..	..	..	..	..	58		58			116
Crude death-rate per 1,000 estimated population	..	..	..	..	..	..						8.5
Standardised death-rate per 1,000 estimated population	..	..	..	..	..	..						8.5
Death-rate for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..						11.5
Deaths of Infants under one year of age							Males		Females			Total
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	2		-			2
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	-		-			-
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	..	..	..						11.3
Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..						23.1
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age							Males		Females			Total
Legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	1		-			1
Illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	-		-			-
Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	..	..	..						5.6
Neonatal Mortality Rate for England and Wales	..	..	..	..	..	..						16.5

CAUSES OF DEATH

		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	.. .. .. .. ..	2	-
Tuberculosis, other	.. .. .. .. ..	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	.. .. .. .. ..	-	1
Diphtheria	.. .. .. .. ..	-	-
Whooping Cough	.. .. .. .. ..	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	.. .. .. .. ..	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	.. .. .. .. ..	1	-
Measles	.. .. .. .. ..	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	.. .. ..	-	-
Malignant neoplasms, stomach	.. .. .. ..	1	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	.. .. .. ..	4	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	.. .. .. ..	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	.. .. .. ..	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	.. .. ..	6	6
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	.. .. .. .. ..	-	1
Diabetes	.. .. .. .. ..	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	.. .. .. ..	6	8
Coronary Disease, Angina	.. .. .. .. ..	10	6
Hypertension with heart disease	.. .. .. ..	1	2
Other heart disease	.. .. .. .. ..	9	7
Other circulatory disease	.. .. .. .. ..	1	3
Influenza	.. .. .. .. ..	-	2
Pneumonia	.. .. .. .. ..	3	5
Bronchitis	.. .. .. .. ..	4	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	.. .. ..	-	-
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	.. .. .. ..	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis	.. .. .. .. ..	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	.. .. .. .. ..	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	.. .. .. .. ..	2	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	.. .. .. ..	-	-
Congenital malformations	.. .. .. .. ..	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined disease	.. .. ..	5	4
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1
All other accidents	1	2
Suicide	-	1
Homicide and operations of war	-	-
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SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(a) Ambulance Service

This service is provided by the County Council. Ambulance stations which serve the Droitwich Rural District are situated at Worcester, Kidderminster, Bromsgrove and Redditch. The list below shows the parishes covered by each ambulance station for non-emergency cases. In all cases of emergency the ambulance should be summoned in the usual way - that is, by asking the telephone operator for "Ambulance" or by dialling "999".

Bromsgrove Ambulance Station

Upton Warren Northern part of Parish of Dodderhill

Kidderminster Ambulance Station

Hartlebury

Redditch Ambulance Station

Stock & Bradley

Worcester Ambulance Station

Elmley Lovett	Hanbury	Salwarpe
Elmbridge	Himbleton	Tibberton
Hampton Lovett	Hindlip	Warndon
Doverdale	Huddington	Westwood.
North Claines	Martin Hassingtree	
Crowle	Oddingley	
Hadzor	Ombersley	

Patients suffering from infectious diseases are conveyed to hospital in special ambulances which are stationed at the isolation hospitals. The hospital car service, manned in most cases by volunteers is used to supplement the Ambulance Service.

(b) Hospitals

The district is served by general hospitals situated in Worcester, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster and Birmingham.

The isolation hospital, which serves the area is situated at Newtown, Worcester.

Maternity hospitals which serve the district are situated at Stourport, Bromsgrove and Worcester.

Sanatoria for the treatment of cases of
Tuberculosis are situated at Malvern, Knightwick and
Worcester.

(c) Home Nursing and Health Visiting

This service is provided by the County Council, and in most instances in the Rural District this work is done by the District Nurse/Midwife, who is also the Health Visitor. The following nurses are working in the Rural District:-

Nurse Nash, Nurse's House, Fernhill Heath. Telephone No. Fernhill Heath 304.

Nurse Coles, The Bungalow, Courts Close, Hanbury. Telephone No. Hanbury 209 (including Crowle, Himbleton, Stock & Bradley).

Nurse Adler, Rose Cottage, Cutnall Green. Telephone No. Cutnall Green 233.

Nurse Powell, 14 Appletree Walk, Ombersley. Telephone No. Ombersley 341.

Nurse Dudley, 27, Waresley Court Road, Hartlebury. Telephone No. Hartlebury 200.

(d) Care of Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Young Children.

The district is served by the following Clinics:-

Ante-Natal Clinics

Shirehall, Worcester. Open 1st and 3rd Saturday at 10.0 a.m.

Baptist Church Hall, Droitwich. Open on 2nd and 4th Thursdays in each month at 2.0. p.m.

Recreation Road, Bromsgrove. Open every Monday at 2.0 p.m.

Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital, Stourport. Open every Tuesday at 1.30 p.m.

Coventry Street, Kidderminster. Open every Monday at 2.0 p.m.

Infant Welfare Clinics

Shirehall, Worcester. Open 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 10.0 a.m.

Baptist Church Hall, Droitwich. Open every Tuesday at 2.0 p.m.

Memorial Hall, Ombersley. Open on 1st and 3rd Fridays in the month at 2.30 p.m.

Parish Hall, Hartlebury. Open on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the month at 2.30 p.m.

Lucy Baldwin Maternity Hospital, Stourport. Open on 1st and 3rd Fridays in the month at 2.0 p.m.

Parish Hall, Hanbury. Open on 3rd Thursday in the month at 2.0 p.m.

Village Hall, Crowle. Open on 4th Wednesday in the month at 2.30 p.m.

The Memorial Hall, Fernhill Heath. Open on 2nd and 4th Fridays in the month at 2.0 p.m.

Village Hall, Wychbold. Open on 2nd and 4th Mondays in the month at 2.30 p.m.

(e) Vaccination and Immunisation

Vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria and whooping cough is carried out free of charge at any of the County Council's Clinics or by the patient's own doctor.

During 1957 the following inoculations were completed:-

Diphtheria Immunisation

Number of children who received the full course of immunisation during the year	144
Number of children who received reinforcing doses during the year	94

Vaccination

Number of persons who received a primary vaccination during the year	128
Number of persons who were re-vaccinated during the year	4

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Water Supply

(a) Regrouping of Undertakings

Discussions continued in Worcestershire following the issue Ministry Circular 52/56 and the Council took an active part in most of them. It seems apparent that schemes for regrouping will be formulated very soon. These discussions have had one unfortunate result, namely that the Southern Parishes Scheme has been held in abeyance awaiting the outcome of regrouping proposals.

(b) New Schemes

In other ways however, progress has been made in extending piped water supplies in the district. The most notable extension being the one to Salwarpe which is an extension of $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the Fernhill Heath mains. Another extension was that to the Police Headquarters at Hindlip.

Altogether 101 houses were covered by these extensions.

(c) Projected Schemes

At the close of the year the following projected schemes were receiving consideration:-

1. Westwood extension to serve a number of agricultural properties.
2. Himbleton
3. Ombersley extension to serve Oldfield, Holt Fleet and Uphampton.

(d) Maintenance

The new arrangements for maintenance of the Council's undertaking set up last year have worked very smoothly, and special attention has been given to waste detection.

In the Council's area of supply there are now:-

21 miles of main
5 pumping stations - 10 pumps
5 reservoirs capacity 40400 gallons
16 bulk supply meters
205 consumer meters
1303 domestic supplies

In that part of the rural district which lies in the statutory area of the East Worcestershire Waterworks there are:-

35.6 miles of main
143 consumer meters
566 domestic supplies

(e) Private Supplies

Results of chemical and bacteriological examinations of private supplies taken during the year are given below. Where the supplies are unfit, advice is given to property owners on how to improve them where this is possible and where it is not possible advice is given on how to make the supply safe from the bacteriological point of view.

<u>Address</u>	<u>Source</u> <u>of</u> <u>Supply</u>	<u>Result</u>
Yewtree Cottage, Torton.	Well	Unfit
Patrick Cottage, Chatley.	Well	Unfit
Signet Fields, Upton Warren.	Well	Unfit
The Orchards, Uphampton, Ombersley.	Well	Unfit
Neight Hill, Himbleton.	Well	Fit
Sweet Briar Cottage, Salcway, Oddingley.	Well	Unfit
Bungalow, Hayden Pit, Timberhonger Lane, Upton Warren.	Well	Unfit
Ladywood, Martin Hussiantree.	Well	Unfit
High Park, Westwood.	Well	Fit
Lineholt Borehole.	Borehole	Fit
Verger's Cottage, Hanbury.	Well	Unfit
Froxmere Court, Crowle.	Well	Unfit
Froxmere Court, Crowle.	Well	Unfit
Froxmere Court, Crowle.	Well	Unfit
Froxmere Court, Crowle.	Tap	Unfit
Doverdale Manor, Doverdale.	Well	Unfit
Froxmere Court, Crowle.	Well	Unfit
Froxmere Court, Crowle.	Tap	Unfit
Hindlip Tank - Supply	Worcester	
Hindlip Tank - Distribution	Mains Supply	Fit
Borehole, Westwood Park.	Worcester	
Wood Green, Warndon.	Borehole	Fit
Cottage, Primsland, Oddingley.	Well	Unfit
Hazel Cottage, Hadzor.	Well	Unfit
Sytcampton Social Centre.	Well	Unfit
Church Farm, Himbleton.	Well	Unfit
Valley Farm, Hanbury.	Well	Unfit
Wall House Farm, Hanbury.	Spring	Unfit
Ditchford Bank Farm, Hanbury.	Borehole	Unfit
Froxmere Court, Crowle.	Well	Unfit
Newhouse Farm, Elmbridge.	Well	Fit
Newhouse Farm, Elmbridge.	Well	Unfit
Hartlebury C/E School.	Brook	Unfit
Charlton Mill, Hartlebury.	Brook	No pathogens.
Charlton Mill, Hartlebury.	Brook	No pathogens.
Moors Avenue, Hartlebury.	Well	Fit
Newhouse Farm, Elmbridge.	Well	Unfit
Crowle Green.	Well	Unfit
Post Office, Crowle.	Well	Unfit
Witherford Kennels, Doverdale.	Well	Unfit
Church Farm, Oddingley.	Well	Fit

(2) Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Dodderhill

After a series of setbacks progress was made on this the last necessary major scheme in the Rural District. At the end of the year the majority of the sewers had been laid and a start made on the sewage disposal works.

Tibberton and Hanbury

Little progress was made with these schemes the main trouble being that little information is available to the Council on the amount of development which will be allowed in these areas by the County Planning Committee.

Maintenance

The maintenance arrangements set up last year have worked well, but additional labour will be required when the Dodderhill works are completed. It is also desirable that some mechanical method of desludging should be adopted.

(3) Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Demands have increased considerably since the last complete review of the service by the Council in 1951 and the collection schedules are maintained only by regular overtime working.

The service covers the whole of the district, a weekly collection being given in the compact village areas, fortnightly in some other centres of development, and monthly elsewhere. The number of loads collected during the year amounted to 1905.

The Westwood tip will provide a place for disposal of refuse for many years ahead. The first stage of afforestation was carried out by the planting of Japanese Larch and Sycamore in alternate rows, the planting being based on advice of the Forestry Officer of the County Council. The 'take' has been excellent.

Cesspool Emptying

A new 1100 gallon S.D. vehicle was purchased and commenced operations in November to replace the seven year old Kerrier. Details of the work carried out in addition to night soil collection in the Parish of North Claines were:-

Private pits emptied	258
Rechargeable pits	
under contract	114
inside the rural district	54
outside " " "	92
Council pits	186
	704
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PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1958

	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All Other (including business Premises)	(4) Total Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	(5) Agricultural
Number of Properties in Local Authority's District Notes 1 & 2	13	4375	209	4597	353
Number of properties inspected as a result of: (a) Notification (b) Survey under the Act (c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose).	NIL 13 NIL	19 759 26	NIL 127 NIL	19 899 26	NIL 195 6
Total inspections carried out including re-inspections (to be completed only if figures are readily available)	81	1177	133	1391	247
Number of properties inspected in Sect. II which were found to be infested by (a) Rats (Major (Minor (b) Mice (Major (Minor	1 8 - -	- 192 - 5	- 10 - 1	1 210 - 6	- 8 - -
Number of infested properties (in Sect. IV) treated by the L.A. (Figures should NOT exceed those given at Sect. IV)	9	197	11	217	8
Total treatments carried out including re-treatments (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	35	207	12	254	12
Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act (a) Treatment (b) Structural Work.	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	NIL NIL	NIL NIL
Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sect. 4 of the Act.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Number of "Block" control schemes carried out			1		

S E C T I O N D.

Housing

(a) Number of new dwellings completed by the Council during the year.

Hanbury	Bungalows	2
Sale Green	Houses	4
Wychbold	Houses	2
	Shop Premises	1
		—
	Total	9
		—

The number of new private dwellings completed in the district during the year = 29

(b) Number of new dwellings under construction by the Council at 31st December, 1957.

Hartlebury	Bungalows	4
Ombersley	Houses	38
Wychbold	Houses	14
Crowle	Houses	4
		—
		60
		—

(c) Improvement Grants

The cumulative effect of the Council's policy has resulted in a marked improvement of the general housing standards in the district. Many cottages have been saved which would otherwise have been demolished.

Application pending from last year	1
Application received	22
Applications approved	22
No. of Dwellings involved	26
Applications withdrawn or refused	1
Total amount of grant-aided work	£23,050
Total amount of grant approved	£8,103
Average amount per dwelling	£312

SLUM CLEARANCE

Position at 31st December, 1956

Notices of Time and Place served (Sect. 11 Housing Act 1936) 2

Undertakings accepted from Owners	1
Demolished	1

Position at 31st December, 1957.

Notices of Time and Place served (Section 11. Housing Act 1936 or Section 16 of Housing Act 1957) 59

Undertakings accepted from Owners	11
Deferred (or no action taken)	9
Demolition Orders served	39
Demolished at 31st December, 1957	9

Houses dealt with by Clearance Area Procedure
(Section 42 Housing Act 1957)

Confirmed by Minister	7
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TOTAL HOUSES dealt with	68
TOTAL HOUSES demolished	10
12.	

SITES PERMITTED FOR GENUINE TRAILER CARAVANS

The following is a list of the Caravan Sites for which approval has been granted by the County Planning Authority within Droitwich Rural District.

MUTTON HALL, BORELEY, on the east bank of the Severn, opposite the Lenchford Hotel. Operator: Mr. Stone. No permanent occupation	12	(ER)
MILL HOUSE, HAWFORD, 4 miles north of Worcester on Ombersley Road. Operator: Mr. Walker No permanent occupation	12	(EBR)
WINNAL FARM, east bank of Severn near Stourport. Operator: Mr. Butler No permanent occupation	32	(CR)
DUNHAMPTON, rear of Roberts' Garage on main Kidderminster Road. Operator: Mr. H. Roberts 10 Residential - 10 Temporary	20	(BELRC)
EAGLE & SUN P.H., HANBURY WHARF, near Droitwich. Operator: Mr. Hedley Residential Site	17	(BERC)
BRICKS FARM, HOLT FLEET, Operator: Mrs. Brick No permanent occupation	97	(BRE)
CHATEAU IMPNEY, on main Birmingham-Worcester Road, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of Droitwich Operators: Chateau Impney Residential Site	32	(BCDRLW)
WHARF HOTEL, HOLT FLEET, on left side of main road approaching bridge from Ombersley Operators: Messrs. Flower & Sons Stratford-on-Avon. No permanent occupation	38	(DL)

FACILITIES:-

- B. Convenient Bus Service
- C. Car Parking arrangements on Site.
- D. Sewage disposal facilities on Site.
- E. Electricity on Site
- L. Sanitary block on Site
- R. Residential caretaker/owner on Site.
- S. Shop on Site
- W. Mains water on Site.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948

The following table shows the work carried out in factories in the Rural District during the year.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. Inspection for purposes of provision as to health.

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number of Register (3)	Number of		Occupiers Prosecuted. (6)
			Inspection (4)	Written Notices (5)	
1. Factories in which Sections, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	-	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority.	2	40	36	-	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (including out-workers premises).	3	44	45	-	-
Total		84	81	-	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars (1)	M/c. line (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecution instituted (7)
		Found (3)	Remed'd (4)	H.M. Inspect (5)	H.M. Inspect (6)	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	4					
Overcrowding (S2)	5					
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	6					
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	7					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	8					
Sanitary conveniences (S7)						
(a) Insufficient	9					
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	2	2		2	NIL
(c) Not separate for sexes	11					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	12					
Total		2	2	-	2	-

SECTION E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Food Premises.

Routine inspection of Food Premises was carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during the year. Generally speaking conditions were found to be fairly satisfactory, but there was a need for education in hygienic practices. A short series of four lectures on Food Hygiene were accordingly arranged, and held in the Council Offices in February, but attendances were poor. The Classes of Food Premises visited included Butchers, Shops, Cafes, Hotels, Public Houses and Bakehouses.

Milk

Milk Production is the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The County Council also control the licencing of Pasteurising Plants of which there are three in the District. Samples taken are made known to this Authority whose Officials are called in on occasions for consultation. A reprimand was issued to the owner of one of the plants who also distributes milk within the District, due to faulty capping of broken bottles, and complaints of dirty bottles on delivery. Samples taken of the milk were satisfactory however and the County Public Health Inspector did not recommend any further action. The following Principal and Supplementary Licences were issued during the year:-

Number of Retailers	..	..	..	18
Designation "Pasteurised"	..	..		16
"Sterilised"	..	..	..	3
"T.T. Pasteurised"	..	..	..	4
"T.T.- (Raw Milk)"	..	..	..	16

Ice-cream

Forty two premises are registered for the sale of Ice-cream under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955. There are no large scale producers and all premises sell the pre-packed product only.

Meat Inspection

There is only one licenced slaughterhouse within the District. These premises are at Ombersley where 100% meat inspection was carried out. Improvements have recently been made to the retail premises and additional refrigeration space provided adjacent to the slaughterhouse.

A meeting was held at Worcester of all the Local Authorities in Worcestershire likely to require facilities at the Worcester City Abattoir. The Government White Paper on "Slaughterhouses" was discussed from which it was evident that a much higher standard would be required once Regulations were made. It was decided however that if these standards could be provided, then it was better to retain slaughtering facilities in the District. Further discussions are likely once the Slaughterhouses Bill becomes law.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Including Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	98	8	659	176
Number inspected	98	8	659	176
All diseases except Tuberculosis. Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	NIL	4	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	4.1%	NIL	0.6%	2.9%
Tuberculosis only Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	7	NIL	NIL	NIL
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	7.1%	NIL	NIL	NIL
Cysticercosis	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Condemnation of Unfit Food

1 Whole Pig	-	Swine Fever
1 Whole Pig	-	Emaciation
1 Pig's Pluck	-	Pneumonia
1 Sheep's Race	-	Caseous Lymphadenitis
1 Pair Sheep's Lungs	-	Strongylus Rufescens
2 Beasts' Heads	-	Tuberculosis
2 Pairs Beasts' Lungs	-	Tuberculosis
2 Beasts' Liver	-	Distoma Hepaticum
3 lbs. Beast's Liver	-	Distoma Hepaticum
2 Pigs Liver	-	Cirrhosis
1 Pig's Liver	-	Multiple Abscesses
1 Pig's Liver	-	Melanosis
1 Pig's Liver	-	Encysted Fluke
2 Beasts' Liver	-	Localised Tuberculosis
2 Beasts' Mesenteries	-	Tuberculosis
1 Sheep's Liver	-	Cirrhosis
1 Sheep's Liver	-	Multiple Abscesses

SECTION F.

Incidence of Infectious Disease

The following two tables show the incidence of Infectious disease in relation to Age and distribution in the Parishes of the Rural District.

The incidence of Cases of Notifiable Disease during 1956
is shown in the following Table.

Age Groups	Under one year	Age Groups						Age Groups						Total
		1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65		
1. Scarlatina	•••••	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	3
2. Measles	•••••	2	7	12	15	9	48	4	2	-	-	-	-	99
3. Whooping Cough	•••••	5	5	11	5	28	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	62
4. Food Poisoning	•••••	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
5. Acute Primary Pneumonia	•••••	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	2	1	6
6. Erysipelas	•••••	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
7. Poliomyelitis	•••••	-	-	-	-	3	5	-	-	1	-	1	-	10

The following Table shows the occurrence of
Infectious Disease in Parishes during the Year

Parishes	Scarlatina	Measles	Whooping Cough	Food Poisoning	Acute Primary Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Polio-myelitis
Hartlebury	-	22	7	-	1	-	-
Claines	1	20	14	-	3	-	4
Ombersley	1	20	6	1	1	-	3
Crowle	-	3	2	-	-	-	-
Tibberton	-	3	1	-	1	-	-
Upton Warren	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
Elmley Lovett	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
Westwood	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Hindlip	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Wardon	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Martin Hussingtree	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
Oddingley	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Salwarpe	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
Dodderhill	-	18	5	-	-	-	-
Hanbury	1	2	1	-	-	-	-
Hampton Lovett	-	-	11	-	-	-	-
Huddington	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Himbleton	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
Elmbridge	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Stock & Bradley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
 Total	 3	 99	 62	 2	 6	 1	 10

Tuberculosis

Particulars of new cases and deaths from Tuberculosis are shown below.

Age Groups	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 15	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 and over	1	2	-	1	2	-	-	-
Totals	4	5	-	3	2	-	-	-

The number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register are as follows:

Cases on Register	Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Cases on the Register at 1st Jan. 57.	43	28	2	5
Additions to the Register during the year.	11	10	-	3
Deductions from the Register during the year.	10	7	1	2
Cases on the Register at 31st Dec. 57.	44	31	1	6
Totals	75		7	

